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SUBJECT: GON'S POSITION ON ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

REF: STATE 204887

1. DURING COURSE BY OCT. 17 COURTESY CALL ON FONMIN

VAN DER STOEL, I OUTLINED US ME POLICY DRAWING ON REFTTEL,
EMPHASIZING NEED FOR NATO SOLIDARITY.

2. VAN DER STOEL, EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR
US POSITION, SAID GON WAS "GREATLY SHOCKED" BY UNILATERAL
ARAB VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE AND "DEEPLY ALARMED" AT USSR
AIRLIFT.

3. FONMIN URGES CONTINUED INTENSIVE ALLIED CONSULTATIONS

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ON ALL MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS AND WANTS TO BE KEPT CLOSELY

INFORMED OF US THINKING AND POLICY AS IT EVOLVES. HE INDICATED HE WANTS TO MAKE USE OF OUR INPUT IN FORMULATING GON POSITIONS DURING NATO AND EC FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSIONS.

4. GON FAVORS CEASE-FIRE ACHIEVED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, NOT ONE IMPOSED ON ISRAEL, AND SUPPORTS CEASE-FIRE LINE AT LOCATIONS WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO OUTBREAK CURRENT HOSTILITIES.

5. RESPONDING TO MY QUESTION AS TO WHAT GON HAD LEARNED FROM SOVIETS, VAN DER STOEL SAID WHILE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR HAD MADE DEMARCHE, THE RUSSIAN HAD TALKED ONLY IN TERMS OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST POLICY AND VAN DER STOEL HAD GAINED NO INSIGHT INTO SOVIET THINKING.

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS WE CAN COUNT ON STRONG DUTCH SUPPORT FOR CURRENT US MIDDLE EAST POLICY FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE MEDIA AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM AMONG WHOM SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS HAVE REPORTEDLY VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT ON ISRAELI SIDE.
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